

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

[HCFA-P-11]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; **Title of Information Collection:** Medicare Home Health Quality Assurance Demonstration and Supporting Regulations 42 CFR 484.48; **Form No.:** HCFA-P-11, OMB # 0938-0519; **Use:** Do to the accelerated growth in the home health care industry, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) has identified a need to measure the effectiveness of home health services by analyzing patient outcomes. The Medicare Home Health Quality Assurance Demonstration will test the feasibility of collecting patient outcome data in Medicare-certified Home Health Agencies (HHAs) nationally. **Frequency:** On occasion; **Affected Public:** Not-for-profit institutions, business or other for-profit, and individuals or households; **Number of Respondents:** 35,905; **Total Annual Responses:** 99,825; **Total Annual Hours:** 7,697.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed

within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Information Services, Information Technology Investment Management Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: John Rudolph, Room C2-26-17, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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[HCFA-416, HCFA-855, and HCFA-R-227]

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AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

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1. Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; **Title of Information Collection:** Annual Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Services (EPSDT) Participation Report and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 441.60; **Form No.:** HCFA-416 (OMB# 0938-0354); **Use:** States are required to submit an annual report on the provision of EPSDT services to HCFA pursuant to section 1902(a)(43) of the Social

Security Act. These reports provide HCFA with data necessary to assess the effectiveness of State EPSDT programs. It is also helpful in developing trend patterns, national projections, responding to inquiries, and determining a State's results in achieving its participation goal; **Frequency:** Annually; **Affected Public:** State, Local or Tribal Government; **Number of Respondents:** 56; **Total Annual Responses:** 56; **Total Annual Hours:** 1,568.

2. Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; **Title of Information Collection:** Medicare and Other Federal Health Care Programs Provider/Supplier Enrollment Application; **Form No.:** HCFA-855 (OMB# 0938-0685); **Use:** This information is needed to enroll providers and suppliers into the Medicare program by identifying them, pricing and paying their claims, and verifying their qualifications and eligibility to participate in Medicare; **Frequency:** Initial Enrollment/Recertification; **Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit, Individuals or Households, Not-for-profit institutions, and Federal Government; **Number of Respondents:** 225,000; **Total Annual Responses:** 225,000; **Total Annual Hours:** 435,000.

3. Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; **Title of Information Collection:** Research and Analytic Support for Implementing Performance Measurement in Medicare Fee for Service; **Form No.:** HCFA-R-227 (OMB# 0938-0718); **Use:** As required by the Balanced Budget Act (BBA), Section 1851(d), the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) needs to develop comparable performance measures for Fee For Service (FFS) Medicare. This project will enable HCFA to evaluate the effectiveness and outcomes of FFS services purchased. HCFA may potentially disseminate this information to Medicare beneficiaries so that they may make informed health care choices; **Frequency:** Biennially; **Affected Public:** Individuals or Households, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Farms, Federal Government, and State, Local or Tribal Government; **Number of Respondents:** 6,670; **Total Annual Responses:** 6,670; **Total Annual Hours:** 3,335.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your